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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, NI

SUBJECT: MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO GENERAL OBASANJO. THE SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE NIGERIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR TRANSMISSION TO LAGOS.

2. DEAR GENERAL OBASANJO:

I WAS SHOCKED AND SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF GENERAL MOHAMMED. HE HAD DEMONSTRATED QUALITIES OF RESOLUTION AND LEADERSHIP, AND HIS LOSS WILL BE KEENLY FELT. PLEASE ACCEPT ON MY BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY. SIGNED - GERALD R. FORD.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE TEXT, BUT HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NO OBJECTION IF GON DOES SO.

4. TEXT HAS BEEN SENT VIA COMMERCIAL CABLE TO DODAN  
BARRACKS AS YOU SUGGESTED IN LAGOS 1883, BUT EMBASSY  
SHOULD ALSO DELIVER COPY.     INGERSOLL

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